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SUBJ: VISIT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER BAYULKEN

REF: KABUL 5645

1. TURK FONMIN BAYULKEN PAID OFFICIAL VISIT KABUL MAY 26 THROUGH 30 AT INVITATION PRIMIN SHAFIQ. TURK DELEGATION INCLUDED AMBASSADOR SHAHINBASH (RESIDENT KABUL; PRESIDENT MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS TURKISH MFA UZARTFES; GAYA TUPAIRI, DEPUTY ADMIN DIRECTOR OF MFA INFORMATION SECTION; AIMAR GUL, ADMIN DIRECTOR OF MFA MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT; AND TOGAO OCHIRI, MFA CHEF DE CABINET. RGA HOSPITALITY INCLUDED CALLS ON AND DINNERS OFFERED BY KING, PRIMIN, AND VARIOUS MINISTERS.

2. TURK DCM INFORMED POLOFF THAT MAIN THRUST VISIT FROM TURK VIEWPOINT WAS A) ROLE OF NEW TURKISH " EASTERN POLICY", DESIGNED TO INCREASE BILATERAL CONTACTS AND LESSEN IDENTIFICATION WITH CENTO PARTNERS -- SPECIFICALLY PAKISTAN IN CASE OF AFGHANISTAN, B) DEVELOP WHATEVER TRADE ADVANTAGES POSSIBLE, AND C) OFFER SOME
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ALTERNATIVES -- NO MATTER HOW SMALL -- TO CONTINUING SOVIET INFLUENCE AND " GROWING" CHINESE ACTIVITIES IN AREA. TURKS PLEASED ON BALANCE WITH VISIT, ALTHOUGH DOUBTFUL THAT VISIT MARKS NEW ERA AFGHAN- TURK RELATIONS AS TRUMPETED IN AFGHAN PRESS.

3. MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS: RGA REQUESTED SLOTS CITED REFTTEL, AND TURK DELEGATION PROMISED DISCUSS MATTER IN ANKARA AND REPLY ASAP. TURK DCM NOTED THAT FONMIN SEEMED HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO RGA REQUEST AND HE ANTICIPATED GOT WOULD OFFER 10-12 SPACES. (TURK MILATT GAVE DATT ESSENTIALLY SAME INFO.)

4. CIVIL AVIATION: RGA REQUESTED FULL LANDING RIGHTS AT ANKARA AND ISTANBUL, INCLUDING PIECE OF ACTION IN LUCRATIVE TURKEY- GERMANY ROUTES AND STOPOVER PRIVILEGES FOR TOURIST GROUPS TRAVELING ON ARIANA, AFGHAN STATE AIRLINES. TURKS INDICATED THEY WILLING GRANT STOPOVER RIGHTS BUT NOTHING MORE. (MFA SOURCE TOLD ADCM THAT TURK AIRLINES ALSO INTERESTED FLYING INTO KABUL.)

5. AFGHAN FOREIGN POLICY: PRIMIN SHAFIQ BRIEFED DELEGATION, QUOTING FAMILIAR LINES ON MIDDLE EAST, NON- ALIGNMENT AND REGIONAL PROBLEMS. OF SPECIAL INTEREST WERE SHAFIQ' S REMARKS ON A) HELMAND TREATY PASSAGE, FOR WHICH HE TOOK FULL CREDIT AND WHICH HE VIEWED AS OPENING VAST NEW POSSIBILITIES COOPERATION WITH IRAN, AND B) PUSHTUNISTAN- BALUCHISTAN ISSUE, ON WHICH HE CASTIGATED BHUTTO GOVERNMENT FOR MAKING SAME MISTAKES PREVIOUS PAK GOVERNMENTS. SHAFIQ COMPARED CURRENT ISLAMABAD POLICY ON PUSHTUNISTAN AND BALUCHISTAN WITH " EARLIER PERIOD" IN BANGLADESH, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IMPOSITION " MINORITY GOVERNMENTS" ON THESE PROVINCES AND USE OF ARMY INDICATED ISLAMABAD' S UNWILLINGNESS SEEK COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS PROVINCIAL AREAS. SHAFIQ OFFERED NO RPT NO COMMENTS ON LIKELIHOOD FORMAL PAK- IRAN MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENTS, NOR DID HE EXPRESS CONCERN OVER IRANIAN PROMISES TO PLAY ROLE IN GUARANTEEING PAK TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. HE DID, HOWEVER, NOTE THAT RGA DESIRE SEE PAKISTAN' S INTEGRITY SAFEGUARDED " COINCIDED" WITH IRAN' S INTERESTS IN AREA.

6. COMMENT: ON BOTH SIDES VISIT APPEARS BE VIEWED AS PRIMARILY PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE WITH SOME POLITICAL OVERTONES. EXPANDING TRADE, WHILE DISCUSSED DURING SESSIONS, NOT RPT NOT VIEWED BY EITHER AFGHANS OR TURKS AS REALLY FEASIBLE. TURKS CLEARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERESTED, HOWEVER, IN AUGMENTING PRESENCE IN AFGHANISTAN, ALBEIT ON SMALL SCALE. OF PERIPHERAL INTEREST THIS REGARD IS NEAR COMPLETION NEW AND IMPRESSIVE TURKISH EMBASSY COMPOUND IN KABUL.
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